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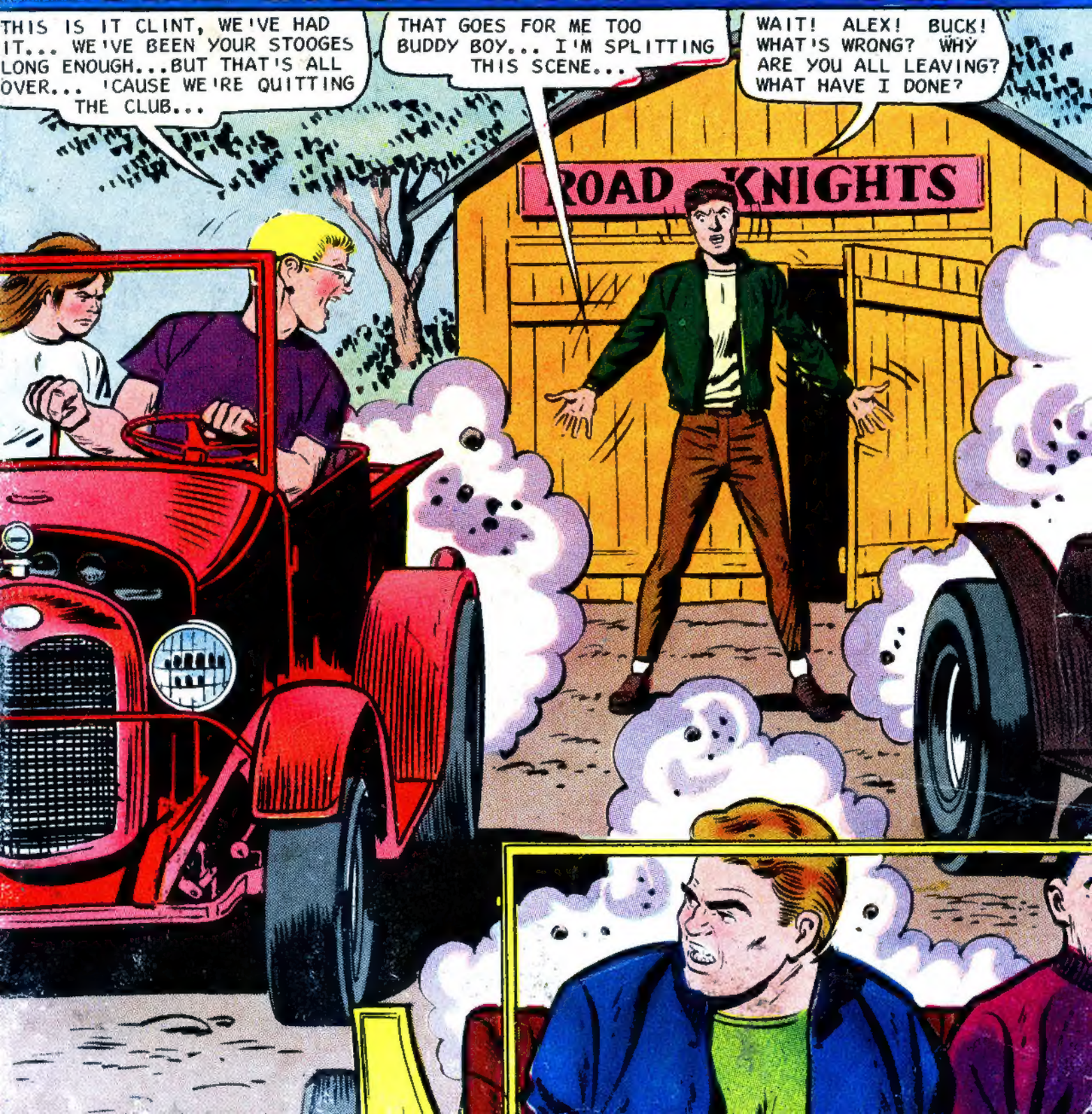
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THAT GOES FOR ME TOO BUDDY BOY... I'M SPLITTING THIS SCENE...
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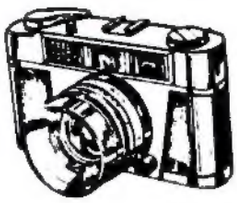

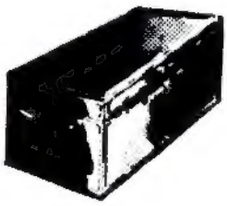

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RICK ROBERTS IN THE DRIVERS

RICK ROBERTS WAS DRIVING ALONG THE TWO LANE BLACK TOP ON HIS WAY TO WATKINS GLEN, WHERE HE WAS TO PICK UP HIS RACER, AND JOIN HIS PIT CREW... HIS LITTLE HILLMAN IMP WAS CRUISING ALONG UNDER 60MPH. LIMIT... WHEN SUDDENLY, HE WAS STARTLED BY THE RECKLESS APPROACH OF A SPEEDING FERRARI!

IF THAT DRIVER INTENDS TO STOP, HE'D BETTER HIT THE BRAKES!

BUT THE DRIVER OF THE 2 PLUS 2, FAILED TO BRAKE, AND SPED HEADLONG INTO THE PATH OF RICK'S ONCOMING IMP!

WHAT KIND OF A NUT WOULD PULL A STUNT LIKE THIS!?

by JACK KELLER

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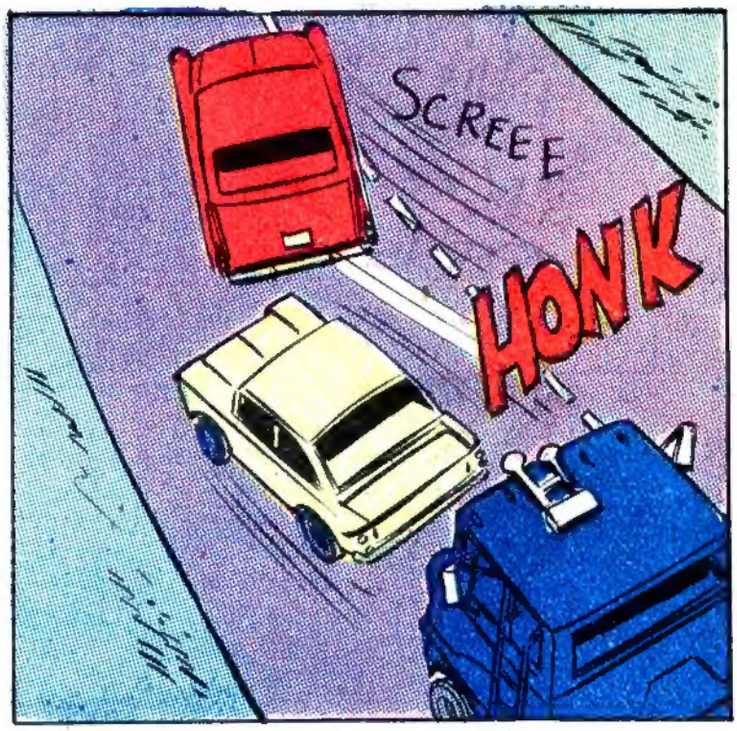
NO CHOICE, I'VE GOT TO MOVE INTO THE LEFT LANE! BUT THAT PLACES ME RIGHT IN THE PATH OF THAT PASSING TRUCK!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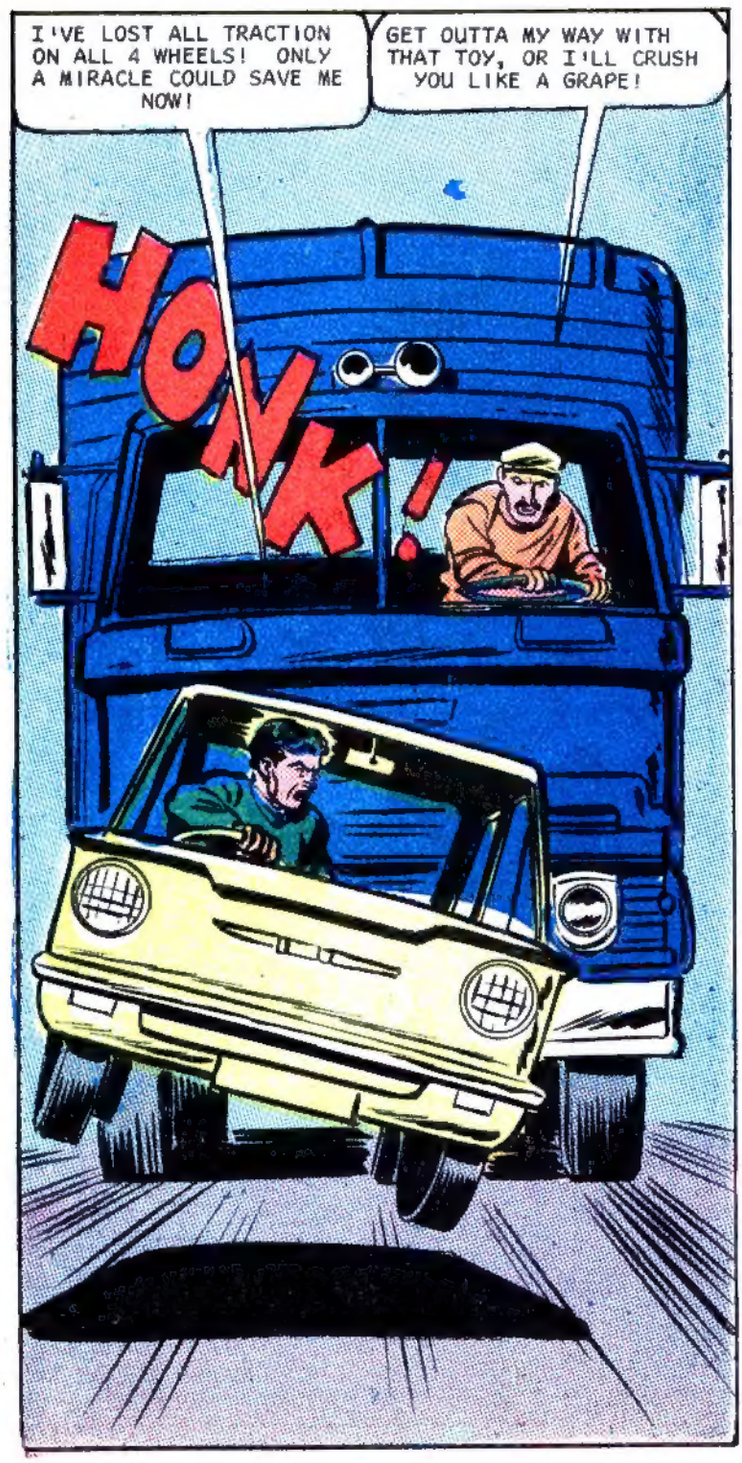
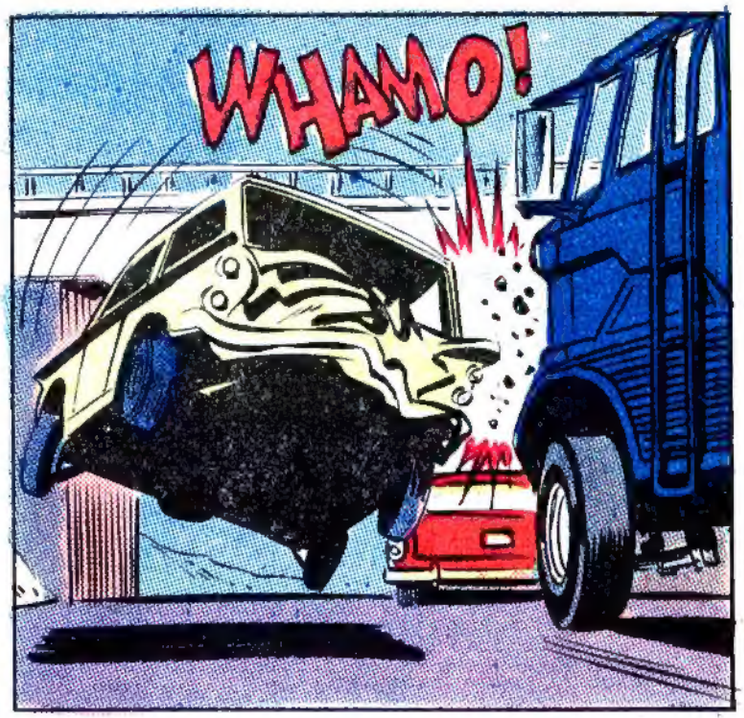

I'VE LOST ALL TRACTION ON ALL 4 WHEELS! ONLY A MIRACLE COULD SAVE ME NOW!
GET OUTTA MY WAY WITH THAT TOY, OR I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE A GRAPE!
HONK!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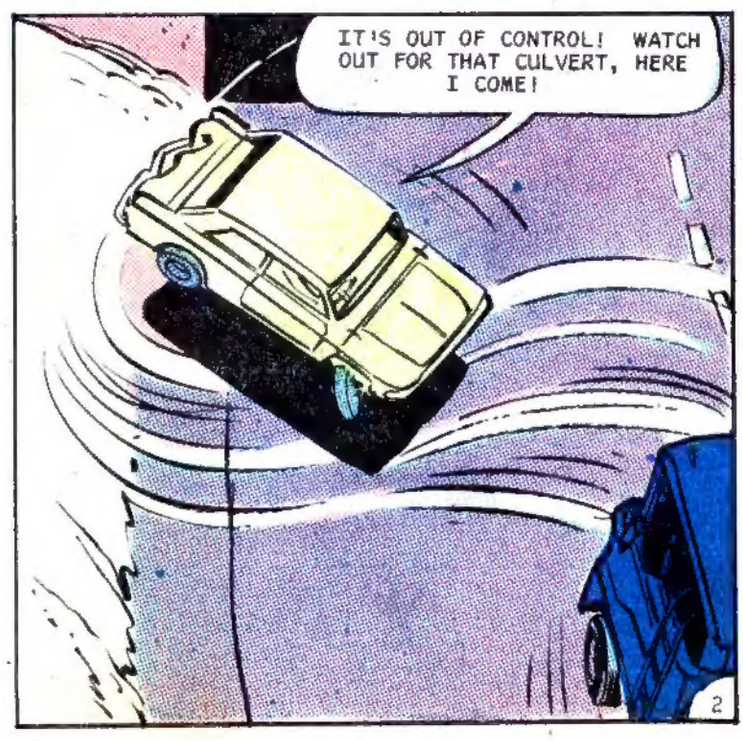
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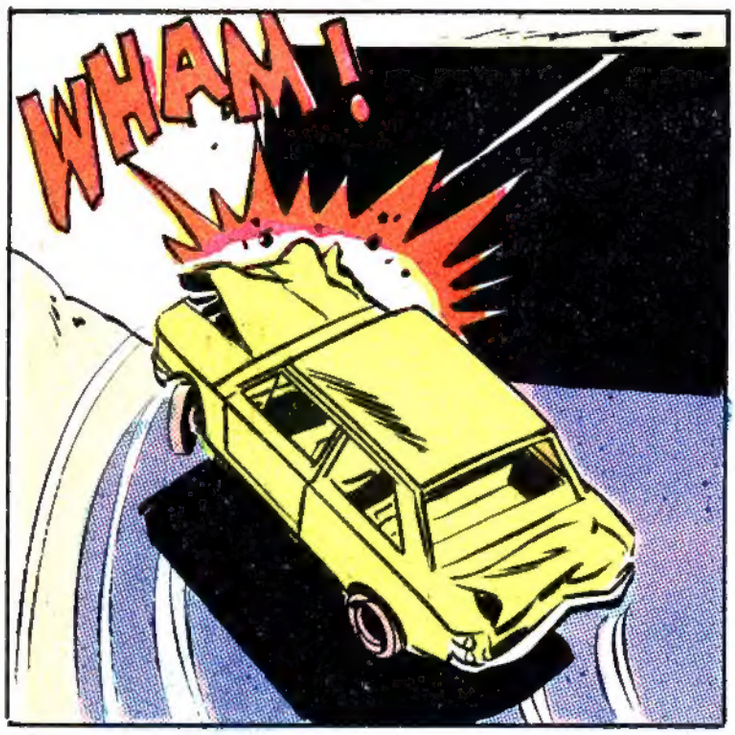
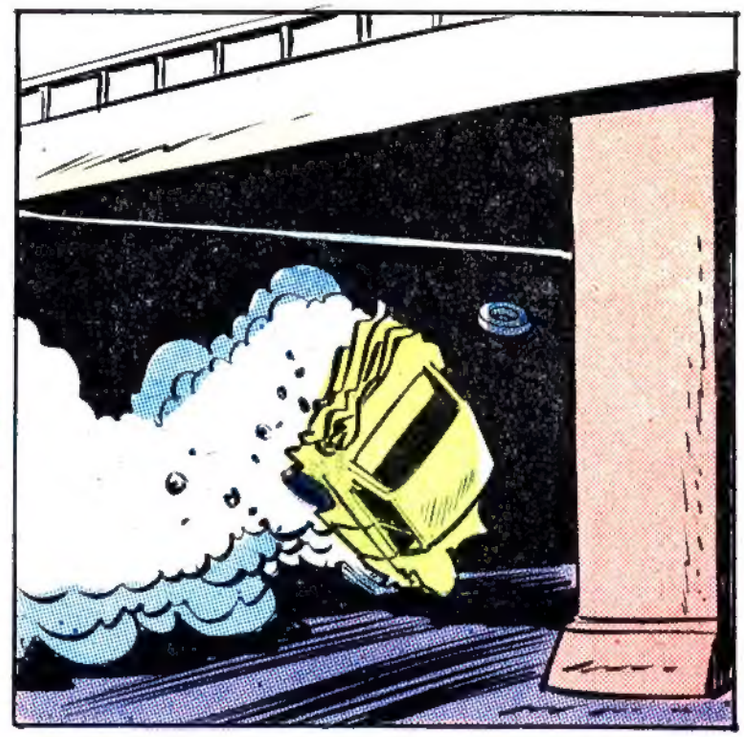
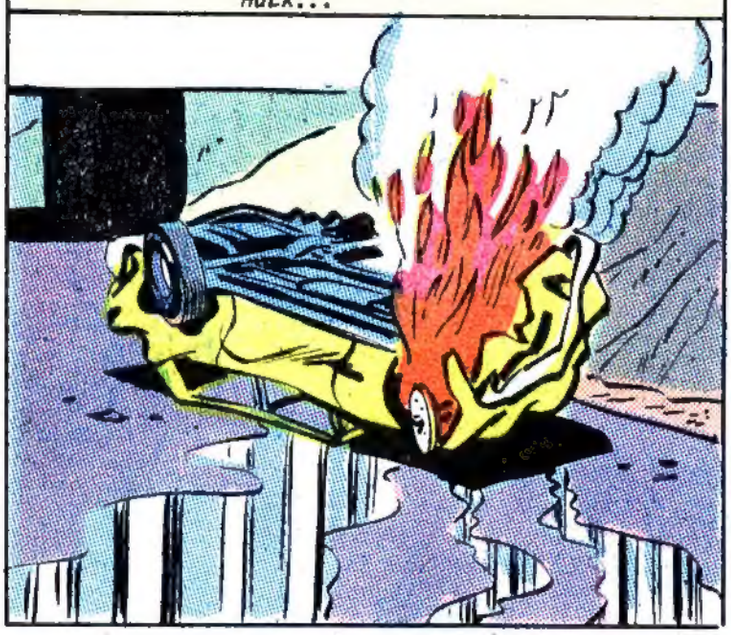




FINALLY, THE LITTLE COMPACT CAME TO A STOP, BUT NOT BEFORE IT HAD BEEN BATTERED INTO A SHAPELESS HULK...



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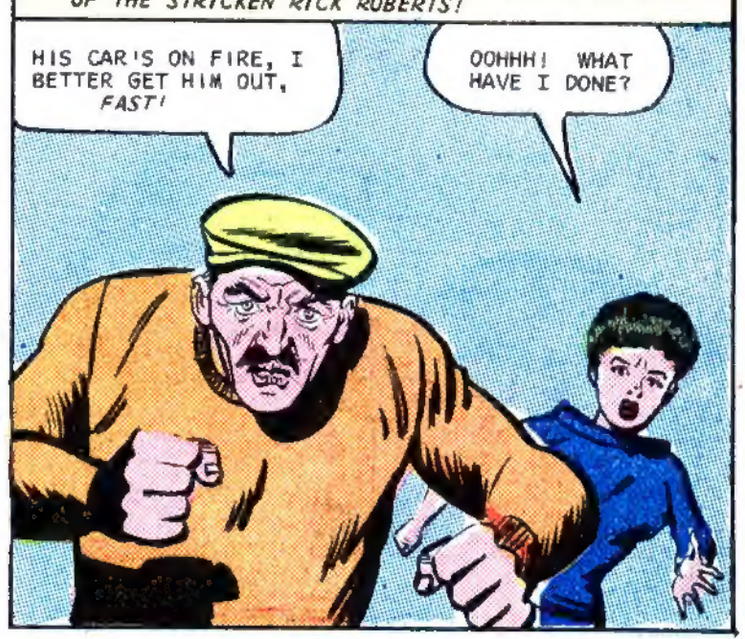

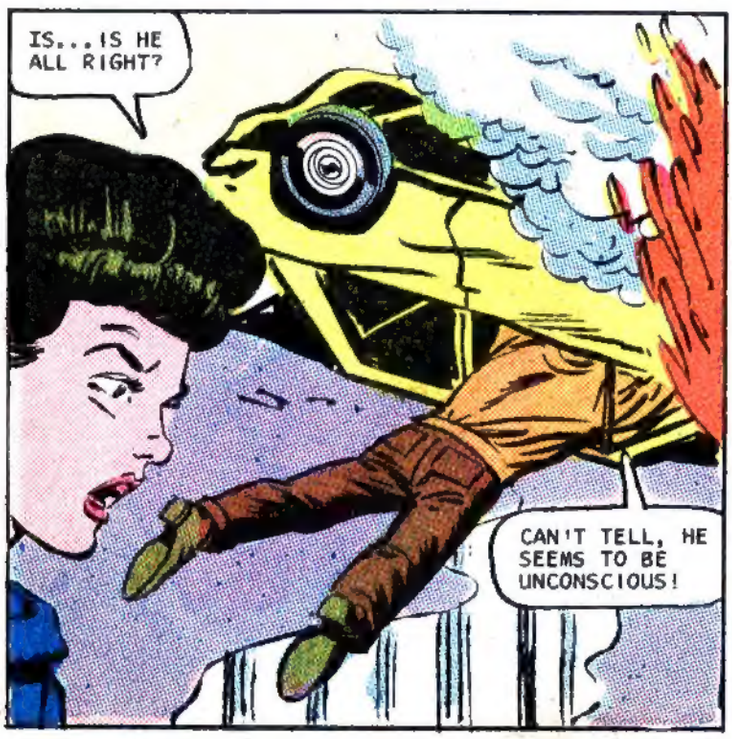

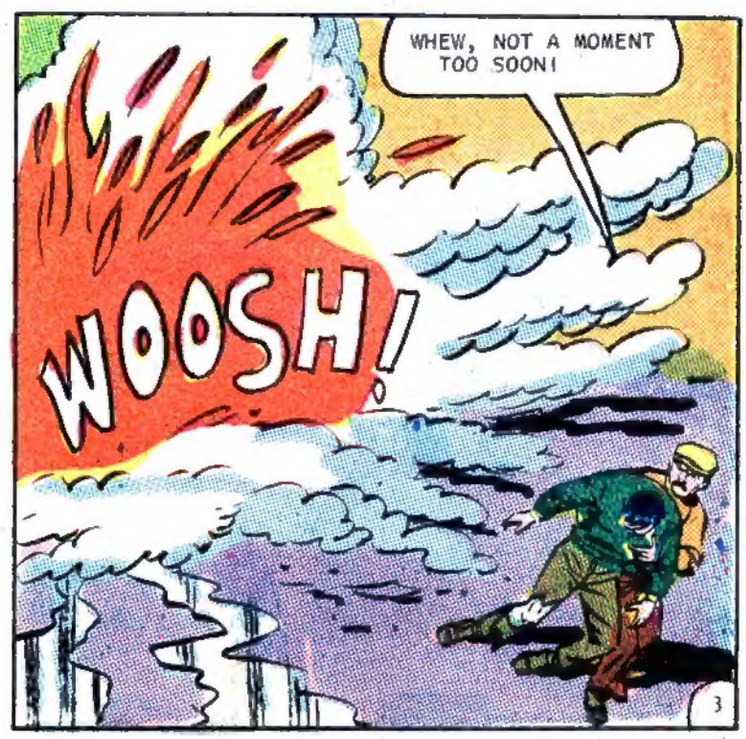

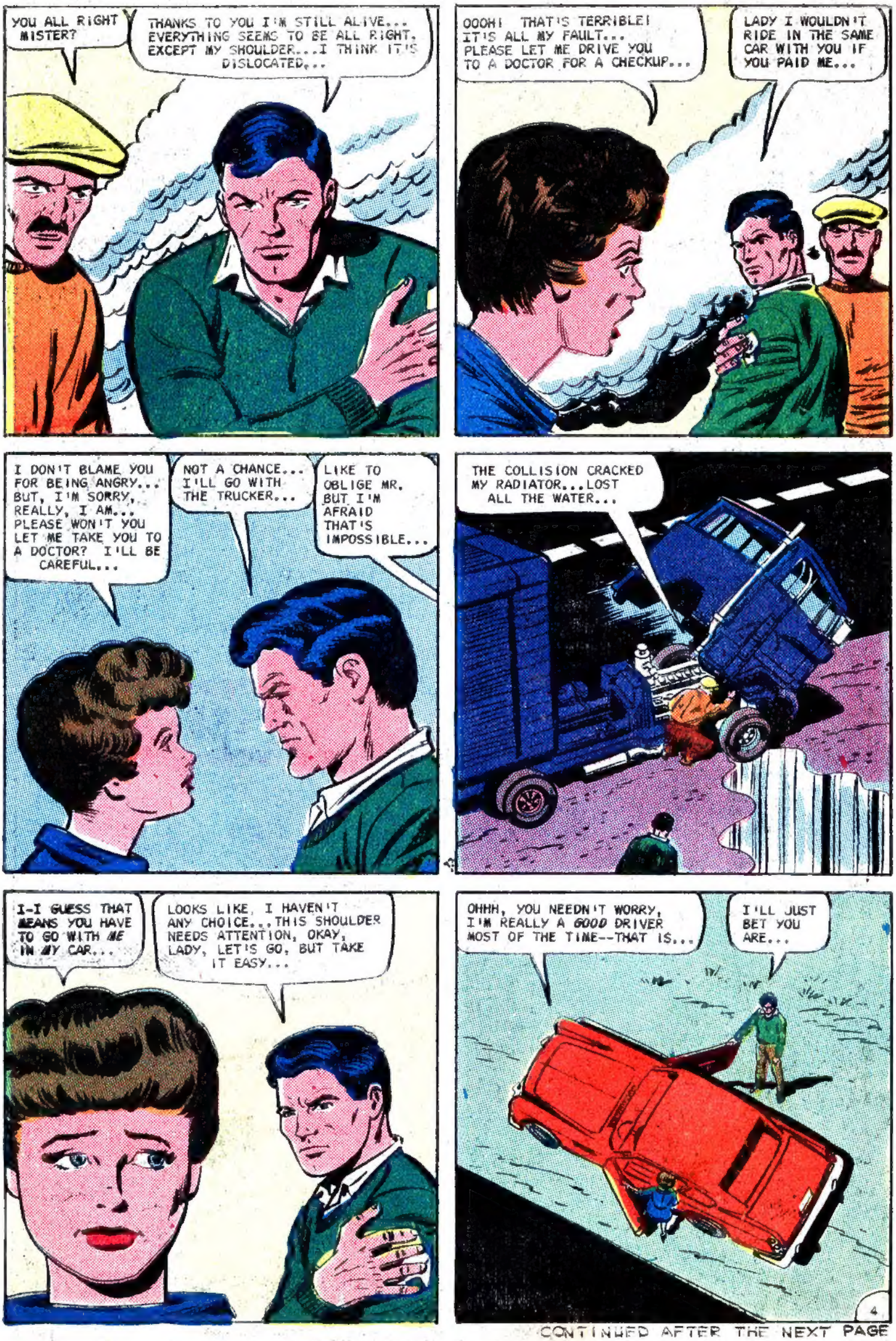
YOU ALL RIGHT MISTER?
THANKS TO YOU I'M STILL ALIVE... EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT, EXCEPT MY SHOULDER...I THINK IT'S DISLOCATED...
OOOH! THAT'S TERRIBLE! IT'S ALL MY FAULT... PLEASE LET ME DRIVE YOU TO A DOCTOR FOR A CHECKUP...
LADY I WOULDN'T RIDE IN THE SAME CAR WITH YOU IF YOU PAID ME...
I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING ANGRY... BUT, I'M SORRY, REALLY, I AM... PLEASE WON'T YOU LET ME TAKE YOU TO A DOCTOR? I'LL BE CAREFUL...
NOT A CHANCE... I'LL GO WITH THE TRUCKER...
LIKE TO OBLIGE MR. BUT I'M AFRAID THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
THE COLLISION CRACKED MY RADIATOR...LOST ALL THE WATER...
I-I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO GO WITH ME IN MY CAR...
LOOKS LIKE, I HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE...THIS SHOULDER NEEDS ATTENTION, OKAY, LADY, LET'S GO, BUT TAKE IT EASY...
OHHH, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, I'M REALLY A GOOD DRIVER MOST OF THE TIME--THAT IS...
I'LL JUST BET YOU ARE...
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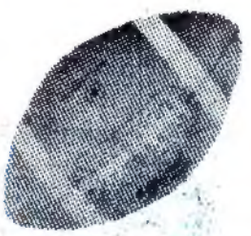

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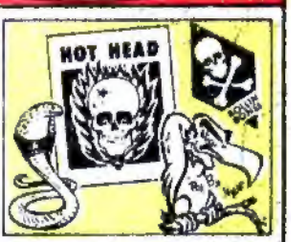

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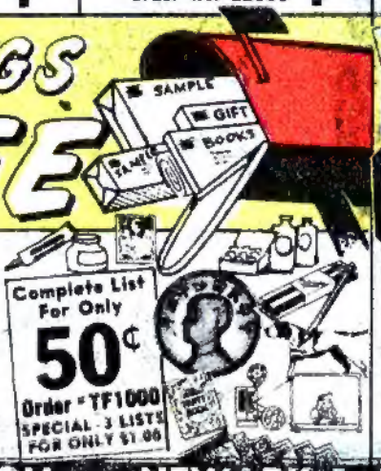

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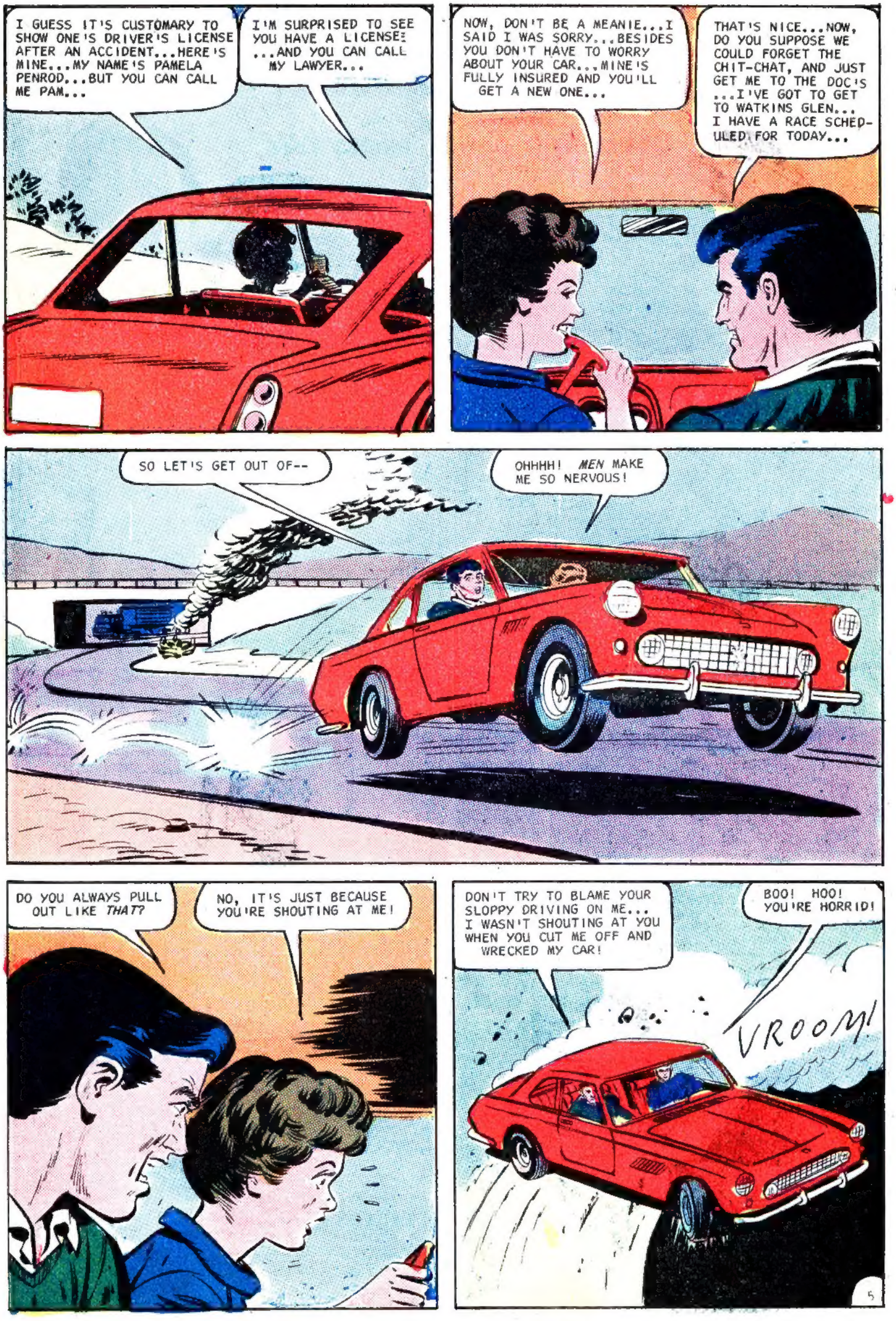
I GUESS IT'S CUSTOMARY TO SHOW ONE'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AFTER AN ACCIDENT...HERE'S MINE...MY NAME'S PAMELA PENROD...BUT YOU CAN CALL ME PAM...
I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HAVE A LICENSE! ...AND YOU CAN CALL MY LAWYER...
NOW, DON'T BE A MEANIE...I SAID I WAS SORRY...BESIDES YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR CAR...MINE'S FULLY INSURED AND YOU'LL GET A NEW ONE...
THAT'S NICE...NOW, DO YOU SUPPOSE WE COULD FORGET THE CHIT-CHAT, AND JUST GET ME TO THE DOC'S ...I'VE GOT TO GET TO WATKINS GLEN... I HAVE A RACE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY...
SO LET'S GET OUT OF--
OHHHH! *MEN* MAKE ME SO NERVOUS!
DO YOU ALWAYS PULL OUT LIKE *THAT*?
NO, IT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE SHOUTING AT ME!
DON'T TRY TO BLAME YOUR SLOPPY DRIVING ON ME... I WASN'T SHOUTING AT YOU WHEN YOU CUT ME OFF AND WRECKED MY CAR!
BOO! HOO! YOU'RE HORRID!
VROOM!
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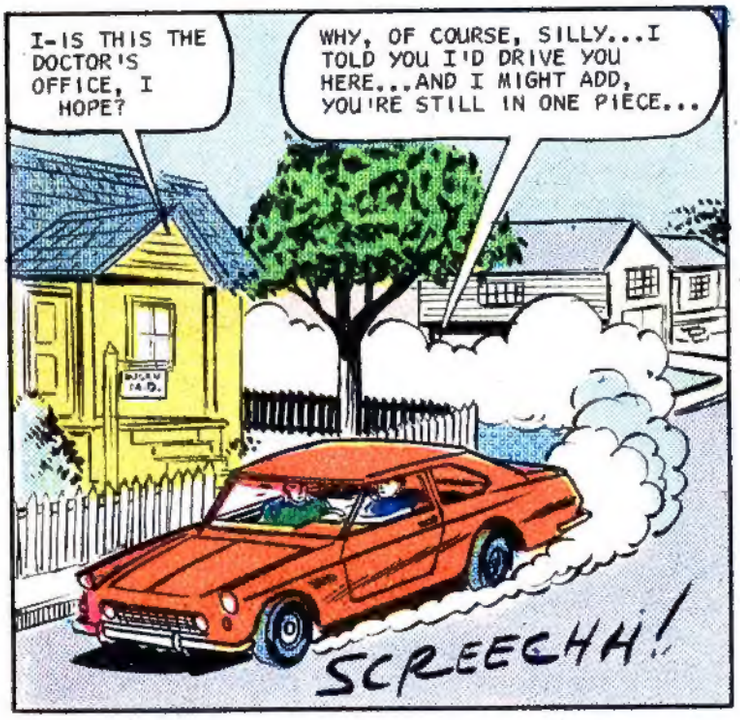
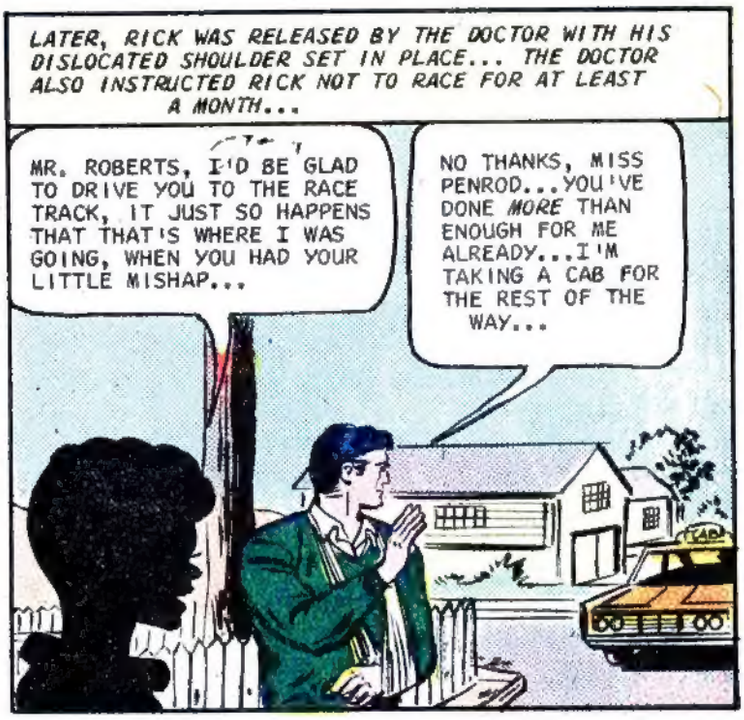
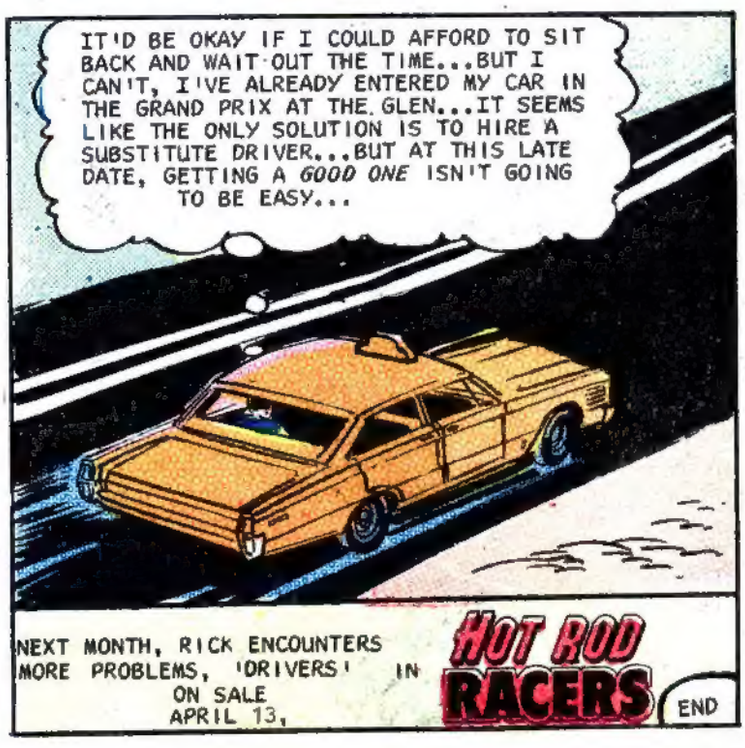
LADY, DON'T YOU EVER DRIVE, SLOWLY?
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOING NOW? I USUALLY DRIVE FASTER THAN THIS!

YOU JUST PASSED ON A BLIND CURVE!
DOESN'T EVERYBODY? I THINK IT MAKES DRIVING MORE EXCITING!
SURE DOES...
VROOM!
SCREEE


I-IS THIS THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, I HOPE?
WHY, OF COURSE, SILLY...I TOLD YOU I'D DRIVE YOU HERE...AND I MIGHT ADD, YOU'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE...
SCREECHH!


LATER, RICK WAS RELEASED BY THE DOCTOR WITH HIS DISLOCATED SHOULDER SET IN PLACE... THE DOCTOR ALSO INSTRUCTED RICK NOT TO RACE FOR AT LEAST A MONTH...
MR. ROBERTS, I'D BE GLAD TO DRIVE YOU TO THE RACE TRACK, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THAT'S WHERE I WAS GOING, WHEN YOU HAD YOUR LITTLE MISHAP...
NO THANKS, MISS PENROD...YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ME ALREADY...I'M TAKING A CAB FOR THE REST OF THE WAY...
TAXI

SEATED IN THE BACK OF THE CAB, RICK TRIED TO RELAX FROM HIS ORDEAL...BUT HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT, AS HIS MIND WAS TROUBLED CONCERNING HIS FUTURE PLANS...
THANKS TO A HAIR-BRAINED WOMAN DRIVER, I'M GOING TO BE ON THE SHELF FOR A MONTH...


IT'D BE OKAY IF I COULD AFFORD TO SIT BACK AND WAIT OUT THE TIME...BUT I CAN'T, I'VE ALREADY ENTERED MY CAR IN THE GRAND PRIX AT THE GLEN...IT SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO HIRE A SUBSTITUTE DRIVER...BUT AT THIS LATE DATE, GETTING A GOOD ONE ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY...
NEXT MONTH, RICK ENCOUNTERS MORE PROBLEMS, 'DRIVERS' IN
ON SALE APRIL 13,
HOT ROD RACERS
END

WHAT FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Recently my son and his family moved to a small community in a nearby state. There he purchased a home on an acre of land. What an ideal spot for him to raise the children! So we paid them a three-day visit. The second day he asked if we would turn baby sitters.

"We want to see a show in town. We'll be back about midnight. When you are tired, just go to sleep."

We followed that last bit of advice. And while in dreamland I heard a knock on the door. It got louder and louder. I jumped out of bed, opened the door and there was my son.

"Lend me your car," he asked. "I ran out of gas about three blocks from here."

"I'll take you there myself. I can get dressed in a jiffy," was my reply.

I drove him to where he had left his car. First mistake was that he had turned all the lights out.

"You should have put on your signal to use as a warning blinker," I pointed out. "Otherwise a car turning into this road would smash into you."

"Somebody might be tempted to steal the car," he pointed out.

"Which is worse?" I demanded. "A smash-up or a stolen car?"

We then started looking for a gas station that would be open at that time of night. He had brought from his private garage a two-gallon emergency gas tank and an extra flash light. We passed three gas stations--but all shut.

"We'll have to get onto the 'Main Line,'" he informed me. "Then we switch over to the big highway. There they have gas stations opened all night."

And we did. We had his two-gallon emergency tank filled. Then we drove back to his stalled car. Fifteen miles is a lot to go for the gas you forgot to put into the tank! But then he discovered to his horror the funnel was clogged and the gas would not get into his tank. I had a funnel that did the trick. Soon we were both home and over a cup of hot tea we talked about it.

"If I had had an automatic siphon, I could have gotten the gas from your gas tank into mine," he remarked.

"If you watched your gas gauge, it wouldn't have happened. How does a sensible person like you make that mistake? You ought to carry an emergency kit for a lot of standard situations you might meet on the highway," I told him.

Now, what would a sensible person carry? I admit you can fill up your back trunk space with a lot of items. But let's reduce them to the following minimum:

A two-gallon emergency gas tank filled, a funnel that isn't clogged up, at least two quarts of oil, a can full of water, extra anti-freeze, flares to use on the highway. New cars have rear and front flashers. If you don't have them install them. You might also carry a battery-powered red emergency blinker.

A shovel to get you out of sand or snow is good to carry. You can buy the folding army kind. You might get caught in a snow fall without your snow tires. The emergency chains will be a big help. So carry them. And what to do if your light or one of them goes out at night? Why not carry an extra regular beam, an extra high beam, a bulb for the back light, and a box of fuses? If you want to go the limit, carry an extra blinker in case that goes out of commission.

Now you can add anything else you wish. But here is something else you should also carry: A heavy blanket in case you are stuck on a road over night, drinking water in a sealed container, and emergency biscuits or rations for at least twenty-four hours. Then add a first-aid kit, and you have good protection.

Somebody might suggest the emergency cable link so you can start your battery from the one in the other fellow's car. I carry one. And another person might suggest a can of the inflator and sealer material so you can at least drive to the nearest gas station on the flat that was. What I like the best: The radio equipment so I can call for help.

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THAT ROCK...I'M GOING TO...I DIE THREW ME... SLAMMED CARDIGAN
WHAM
37
21
FORD
12
SCREEEEEE
NIEMANN IS AT IT AGAIN. WRECKED ANOTHER CAR!
CARDOGAN'S PLYMOUTH KEEPS ROLLING... HE'LL WIN THE EVENT ... BUT THE CARS BEHIND ME ARE COMING OUT OF THE TURN AND I'M STILL IN TROUBLE!
CHEVROLET
5
WATCH IT...NIEMANN SPUN OUT!
12
FORD
12
B-38

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EACH SUCCESSIVE CRASH MAKES IT WORSE. I'M FEELING LIKE A CRIMINAL AS THE CHEVY GETS RACKED UP...
NIEMANN, YOU SCREWBALL, GET OUT OF THE WAY!
CARTER'S CHEVY TOO!
CHEVROLET
21
SHUT OFF THE IGNITION AND CLIMB OUTA THERE, NIEMANN! THERE'S GAS AND OIL ALL OVER THE TRACK!
21
12
FORD
NIEMANN, YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO!
WHY?
JUST WANTED TO BE SURE...
CARTER BEAT ME TO IT! I SURE WANTED TO BELT THAT JUNKY-JOCKEY JUST ONE TIME!
LAY OFF THE GUY...HE COULDN'T HELP WHAT HAPPENED!
SLAM
EVERY TIME HE ENTERS A RACE HE'S BAD NEWS. ASK ANYONE WHO'S EVER RACED WITH HIM!
2

I GET 200 FOR WHAT'S LEFT OF THE CAR FROM A DEALER...AND I'M OUT OF THE LATE STOCK CAR RACING BUSINESS.

I'M TOO GOOD TO YOU. IT ISN'T WORTH A HUNDRED.

YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO ME, YOU VULTURE.

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO ENTER THE CHECKER TOURNAMENT FOR KICKS FROM NOW ON, LEO.

ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU CAN ALWAYS *MATCH* ME RUN MY BOMB AT THE DRAGSTRIP!

LEO'S A GREAT ONE AT SETTING UP AN ENGINE...HE'S GOT A 421 PONTIAC IN THE LITTLE CHEV AND IT CAN ROAR ...BUT ALL HE DOES IS PURR WITH IT AS THE FORD HITS HIM WITH A HOLE-SHOT!

VROOOM

VROOM

THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN TO *ME!*

GOT TO REV IT UP!

POP THE CLUTCH! BURY THE PEDAL!

IT'S THE *ONLY* WAY!

VRROOOM

PLYMOUTH

CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT! SOMETHING WASN'T WORKING RIGHT...YET IT CHECKS OUT GREAT NOW!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT NEEDS ADJUSTING, BUDDY!

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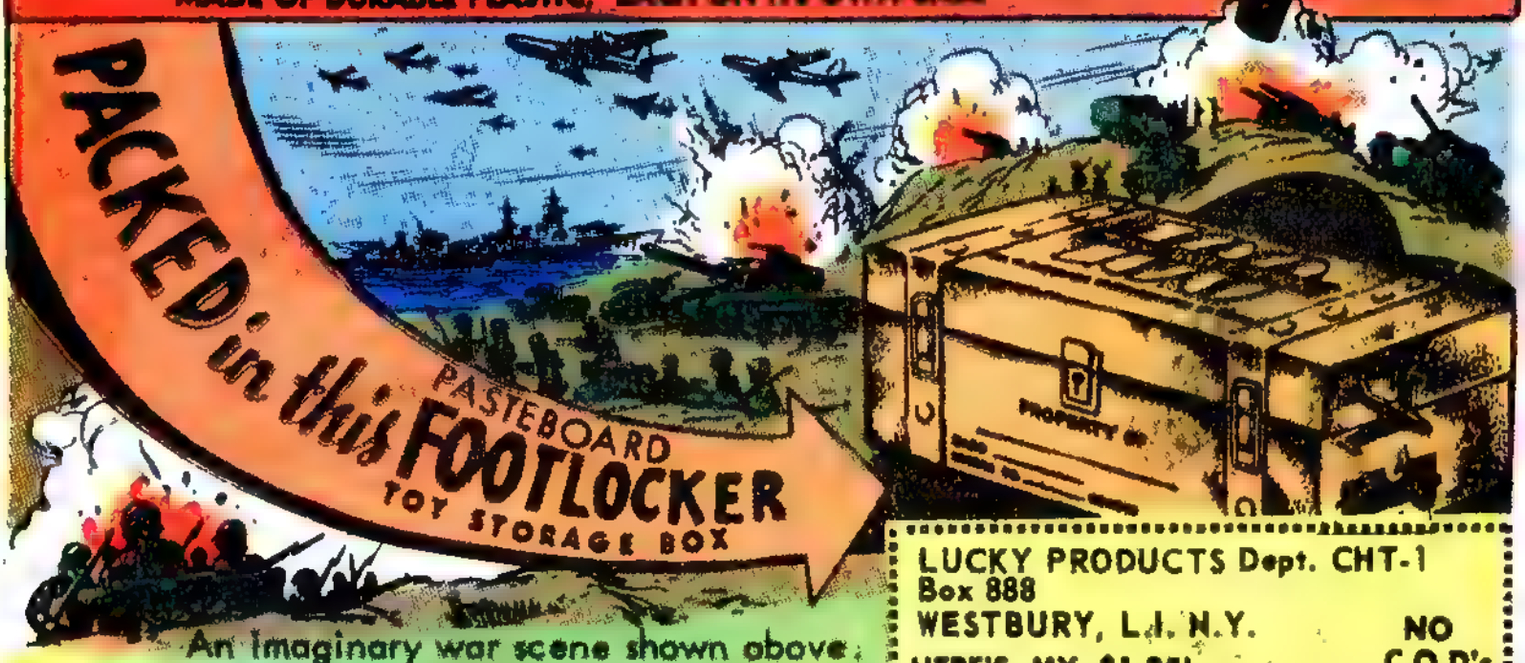

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Y-YOU?
LEO'S A REAL CUBE, THE KIND THAT WORRIES A LOT! HE'S WATCHING FEARFULLY AS I GUN THE MILL AND WAIT FOR THAT GREEN LIGHT!
VROOOM VROOM
LIKE I SAID... I REVVED IT UP! POPPED THE CLUTCH! BURIED THE PEDAL!
DOWN, BOY!!!
VRROOOM
NOW... I'M MOVIN'!
VROOM
I'M FINALLY DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. I GET THE CHEV DOWN THE LINE IN LIKE ABOUT 14 SECONDS, PUSHING THE NEEDLE OVER TO 115 MPH!

I DIDN'T WRECK ANYTHING *THIS* TIME!
SEE WHAT I MEAN? YOU'RE A *TOP MECHANIC*...BUT I'M A *NATURAL* BEHIND THE WHEEL! LET'S PRUNE A FEW OF THOSE HOT RODS AROUND THE DRAG-STRIP.
FOR STARTERS, I HUNT UP THE HOT-SHOT WHO'D BEATEN LEO... I LET HIM KNOW THE SCORE!
THAT'S RIGHT. TRY IT AGAIN...THIS TIME YOU'LL GET PRUNED FOR SURE.
IF YOU DRIVE LIKE YOU TALK, I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE! BUT I'LL TRY YOU ANYHOW!
FOR
TAKE IT EASY, JACK! YOU'RE RACIN' THE MOTOR...YOU'LL SCATTER MY TRANSMISSION FROM HERE TO THE FINISH LINE IF...
LET ME TAKE CARE OF THAT, BUDDY! NOW, STAND CLEAR... *HERE WE GO!*
VROOOMM
MAN, AM I REALLY WITH IT! I REV IT UP. I MEAN I'M TURNING 5500 WHEN I POP THE CLUTCH, SMASH THE GAS PEDAL THROUGH THE FLOOR, AND TAKE OFF! POW!! TO DA MOON, LIKE THEY SAY...THAT'S RIGHT...I'M HEADING INTO ORBIT! PULLING A WHEELIE, SKITTERING IN EVERY DIRECTION BUT STRAIGHT!
BRING IT DOWN!
VROOOOM!
FORD

GOT TO STRAIGHTEN HER OUT! I'LL *STILL* WIN THIS RACE!
WHY'D I LET THAT NUT GET BEHIND THE WHEEL?
WHOMP
SCRAPED SOME PAINT THERE. GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL *NEXT TIME!*
WHA
THE OTHER FELLOW'S A REAL SPORT! WITH LEO, HE HELPS ME FROM THE DENTED CHEV... BUT SUDDENLY I NOTICE THEIR EYES... THEY'RE SHAKING. THEY SEEM TO BE EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING!
W-WAIT A MINUTE, FELLAS! IT WAS J-J-JUST AN ACCIDENT!
THAT'S TRUE. *THEY COME IN THREES, YOU KNOW.* WHO'S GONNA HAPPEN THE. NEXT ACCIDENT TO, HIM, MACK, *ME* OR *YOU?*
YOU'D BETTER. HE WON'T BE AROUND FOR YOU AFTER *I* GET FINISHED!
ONE THING ABOUT HOT RODDERS... THEY DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR!
I'M DRIVING BACK NOW... AND I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE RIGHT PLACE FOR MY TALENTS! I'M A CINCH TO WIN AT THIS!
HE'LL MAKE ENOUGH TO PAY ME FOR MY HOT ROD IN NO TIME!
DEMOLITION DERBY
CRASSH!
END

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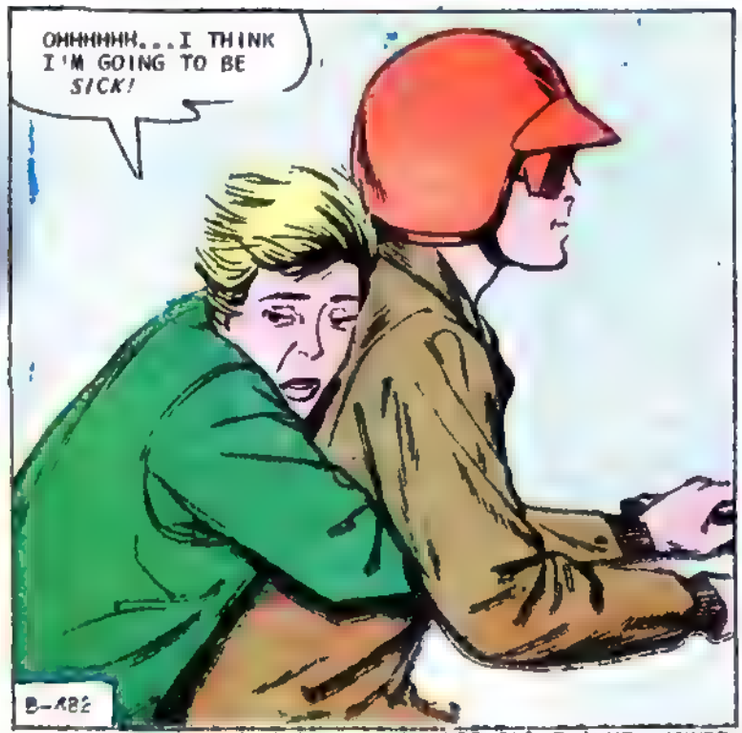
I'M WITH MY GIRL, CASSIE, UP IN THE FOOTHILLS STUDYING SALIENTIA AND LACERTIDAE (FROGS AND SNAKES TO YOU GUYS,) WHEN SHE SUDDENLY REMEMBERS A DENTAL APPOINTMENT AND WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO TOWN IN A HURRY! FORTUNATELY, I SEE TWO RATHER ECCENTRIC YOUTHS OF MY ACQUAINTANCE...RIDING OUTLANDISH VEHICLES... MOTORCYCLES, I BELIEVE, IS THE GENERAL TERM USED! ANYHOW, THESE TWO DIMWITS, SPIKE AND JOHNNY, OFFER TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION HOME!



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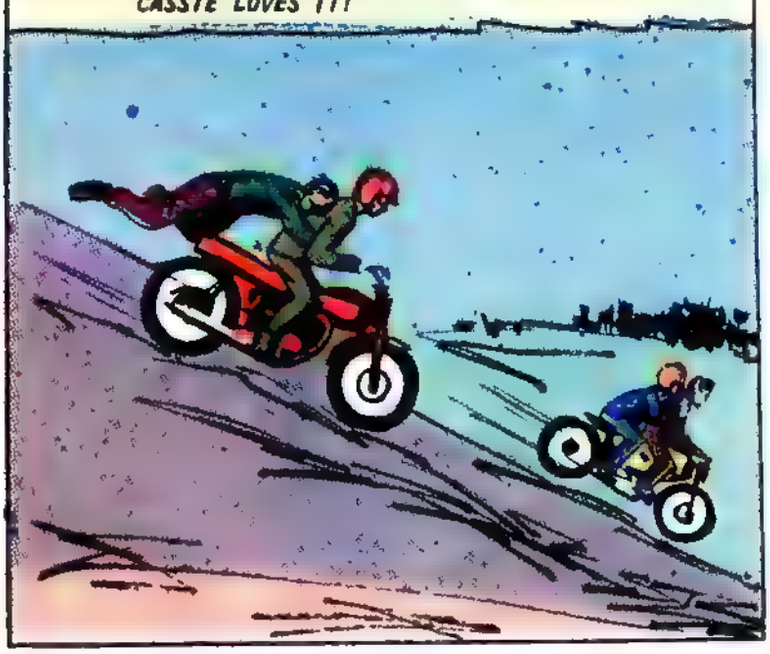
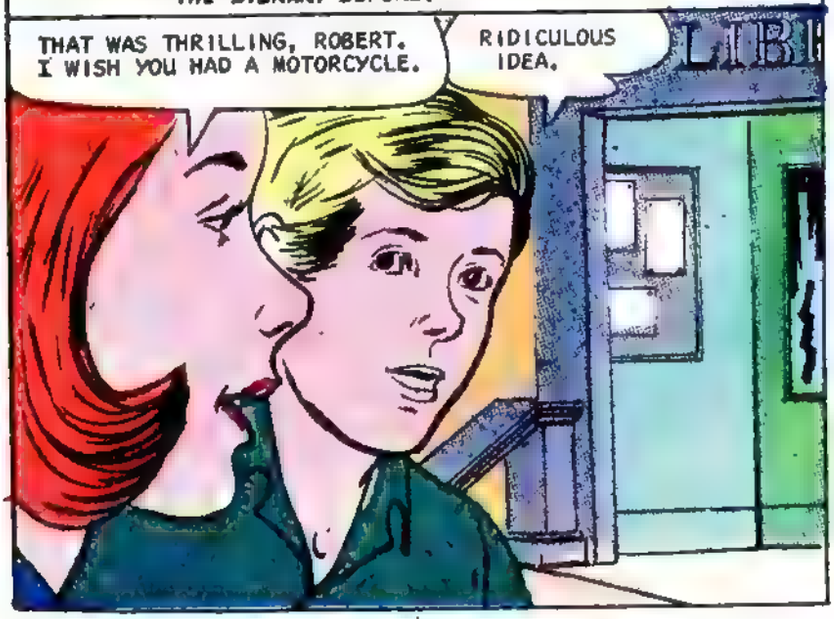
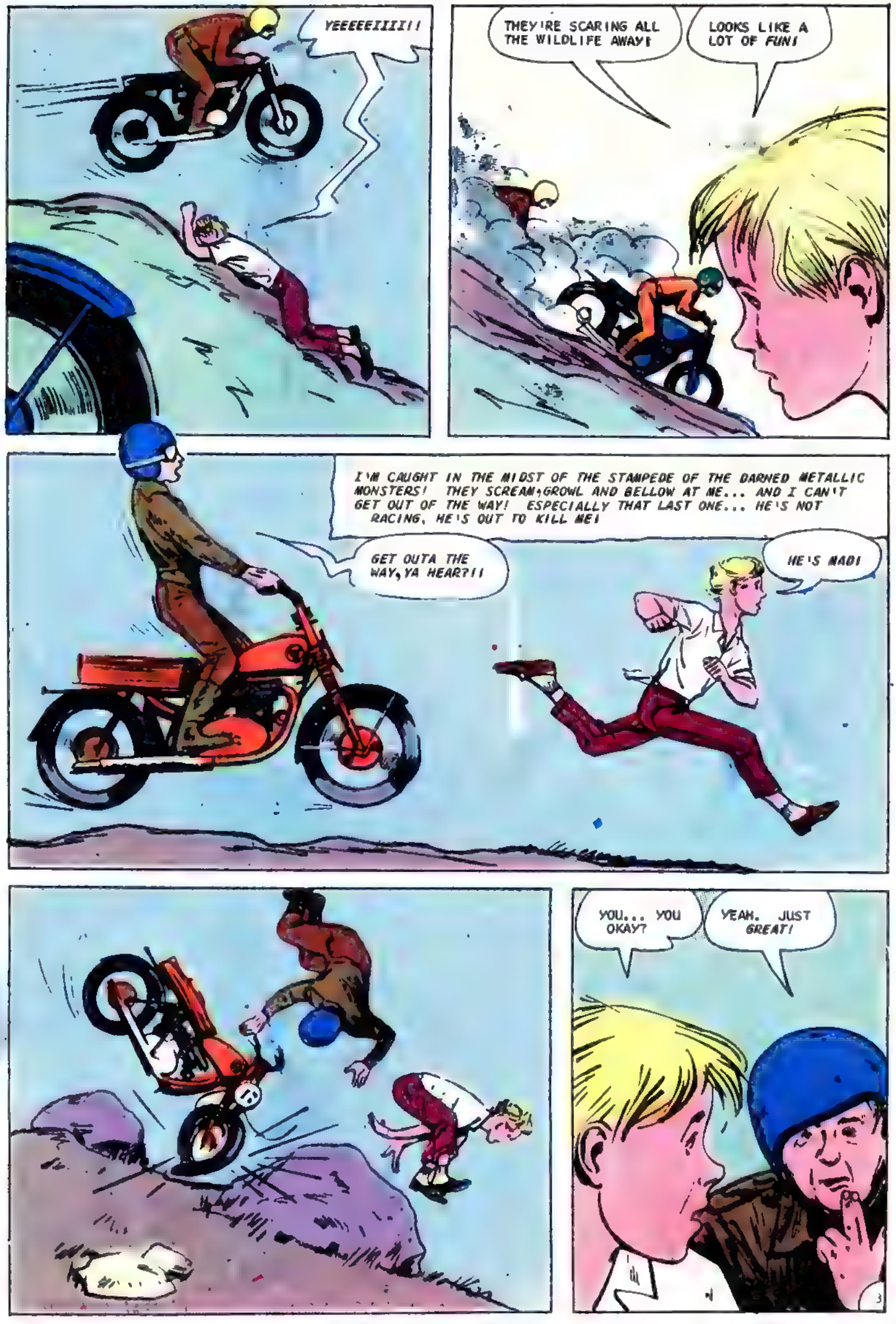


AFTER CASSIE'S DENTAL APPOINTMENT, WE GO TO THE LIBRARY ...SHE SEEMS RESTLESS. SHE'D ALWAYS ENJOYED VISITING THE LIBRARY BEFORE.



I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY WHEN I STOPPED AT CASSIE'S HOUSE TO FIND OUT SHE WASN'T AT HOME! SO I HAD TO GO STUDY FROGS AND SNAKES ALONE...


YEEEEEIIIII!!
THEY'RE SCARING ALL THE WILDLIFE AWAY!
LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF FUN!
I'M CAUGHT IN THE MIDST OF THE STAMPEDE OF THE DARNED METALLIC MONSTERS! THEY SCREAM, GROWL AND BELLOW AT ME... AND I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY! ESPECIALLY THAT LAST ONE... HE'S NOT RACING, HE'S OUT TO KILL ME!
GET OUTA THE WAY, YA HEAR?!!
HE'S MAD!
YOU... YOU OKAY?
YEAH. JUST GREAT!
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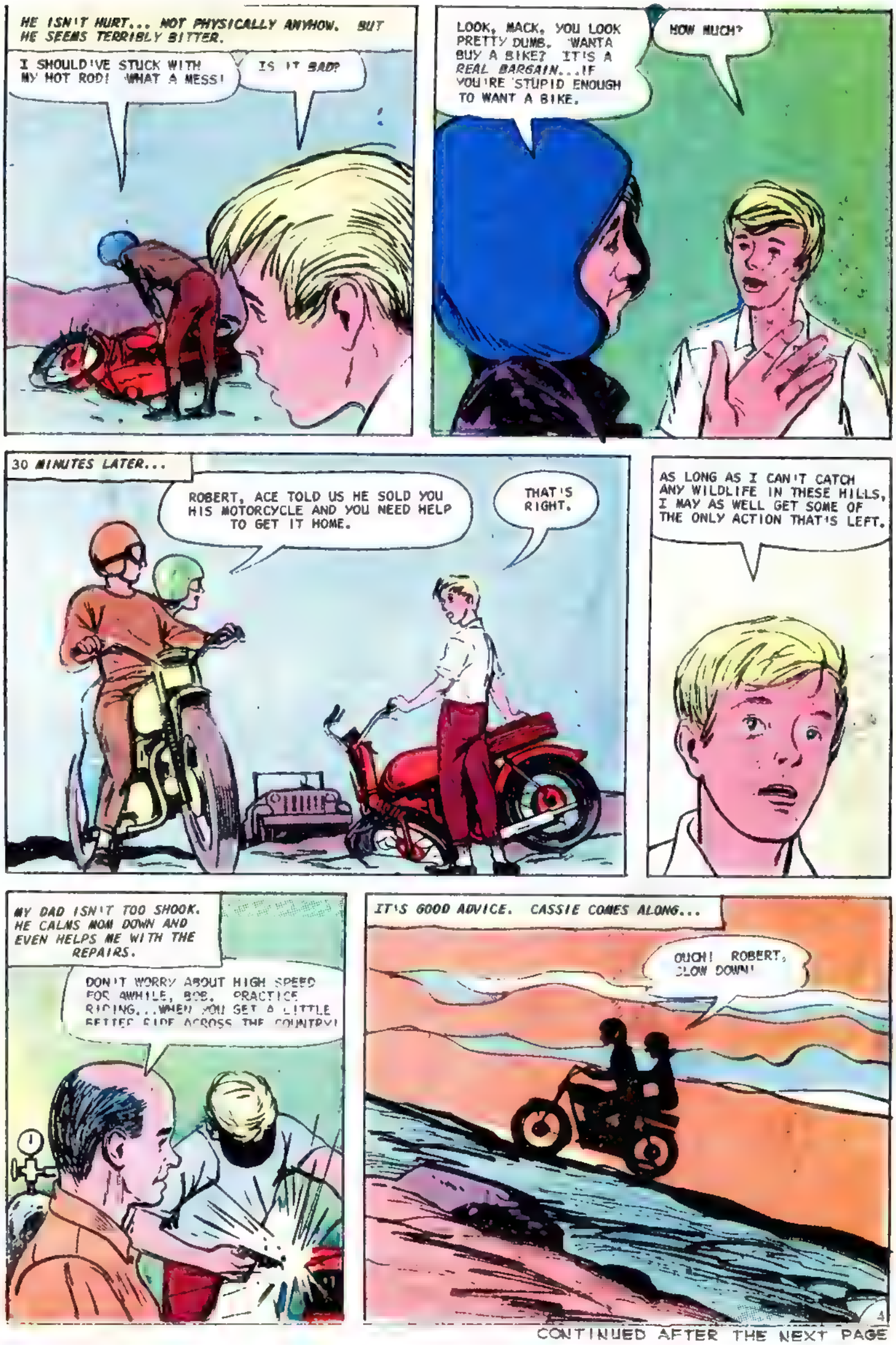
HE ISN'T HURT... NOT PHYSICALLY ANYHOW. BUT HE SEEMS TERRIBLY BITTER.
I SHOULD'VE STUCK WITH MY HOT ROD! WHAT A MESS!
IS IT BAD?
LOOK, MACK, YOU LOOK PRETTY DUMB. WANTA BUY A BIKE? IT'S A REAL BARGAIN...IF YOU'RE STUPID ENOUGH TO WANT A BIKE.
HOW MUCH?
30 MINUTES LATER...
ROBERT, ACE TOLD US HE SOLD YOU HIS MOTORCYCLE AND YOU NEED HELP TO GET IT HOME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
AS LONG AS I CAN'T CATCH ANY WILDLIFE IN THESE HILLS, I MAY AS WELL GET SOME OF THE ONLY ACTION THAT'S LEFT.
MY DAD ISN'T TOO SHOOK. HE CALMS MOM DOWN AND EVEN HELPS ME WITH THE REPAIRS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIGH SPEED FOR AWHILE, BOB. PRACTICE RIDING...WHEN YOU GET A LITTLE BETTER RIDE ACROSS THE COUNTRY!
IT'S GOOD ADVICE. CASSIE COMES ALONG...
OUCH! ROBERT, SLOW DOWN!

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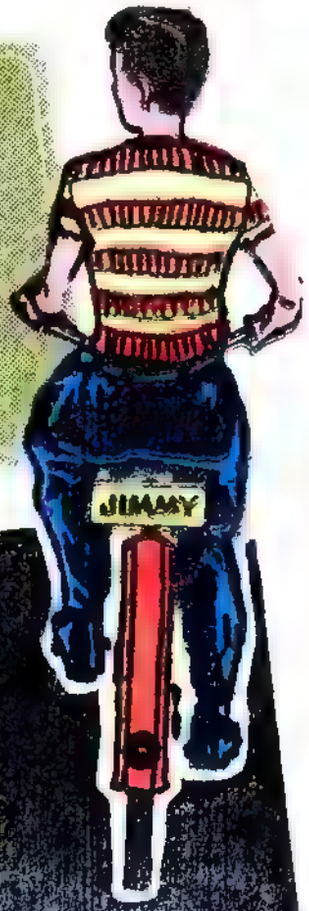

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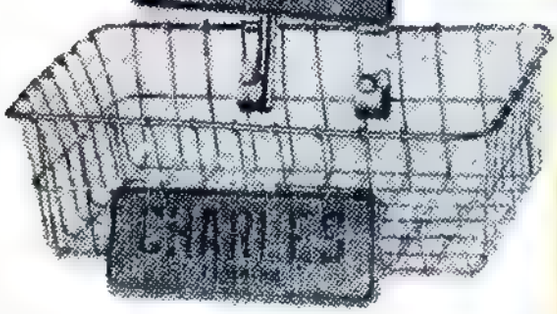

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...BUT AFTER THE FIRST FEW TIMES SHE STARTS TO STAY AT HOME.

BY GEORGE, I THINK I'VE GOT IT!

THIS MEET TOMORROW WILL BE TOUGH, BOB! THAT'S RUGGED COUNTRY UP THERE.

I'M USED TO IT. I DO A LOT OF SNAKE-HUNTING UP THERE!

RACE-TIME... AND I'M SCARED I'LL MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF! THE START IS HECTIC WITH RIDERS FALLING, BIKES BANGING INTO EACH OTHER...

I'LL BE HAPPY TO STAY ON THE BIKE FOR THE FIRST MILE OR SO!

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I'VE PRACTICED ON HILLS STEEPER THAN THIS... BUT SOME OF THE EXPERIENCED SCRAMBLERS RUN INTO TROUBLE!

I'M USED TO THIS KIND OF TERRAIN... I PICK OUT THE BEST PATH, AVOID GOPHER HOLES, SPOT THE SOFT SAND PATCHES FROM LONG EXPERIENCE IN THESE HILLS!

I'M NOT TOO CONCERNED ABOUT WINNING THE SCRAMBLE...I'M TOO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT STAYING ALIVE! BUT AS WE FINALLY TURN FOR HOME, I NOTICE THERE ARE ONLY A FEW BIKES AHEAD OF ME ...AND ALL OF THESE DROP BY THE WAYSIDE... UNTIL JUMPIN' JOHNNY IS ALL I CAN SEE BETWEEN ME AND THE FINISH LINE! AND WHEN I SEE HIS FRONT TIRE BLOW...

JUMPIN' JOHNNY HAS A BLOW-OUT! THE NEW GUY'S GONNA WIN!

OH, GOODY!

ROBERT, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

IT SEEMS TO ME THE WINNER RATES MORE THAN A FEW MEANINGLESS WORDS, CASSIE!

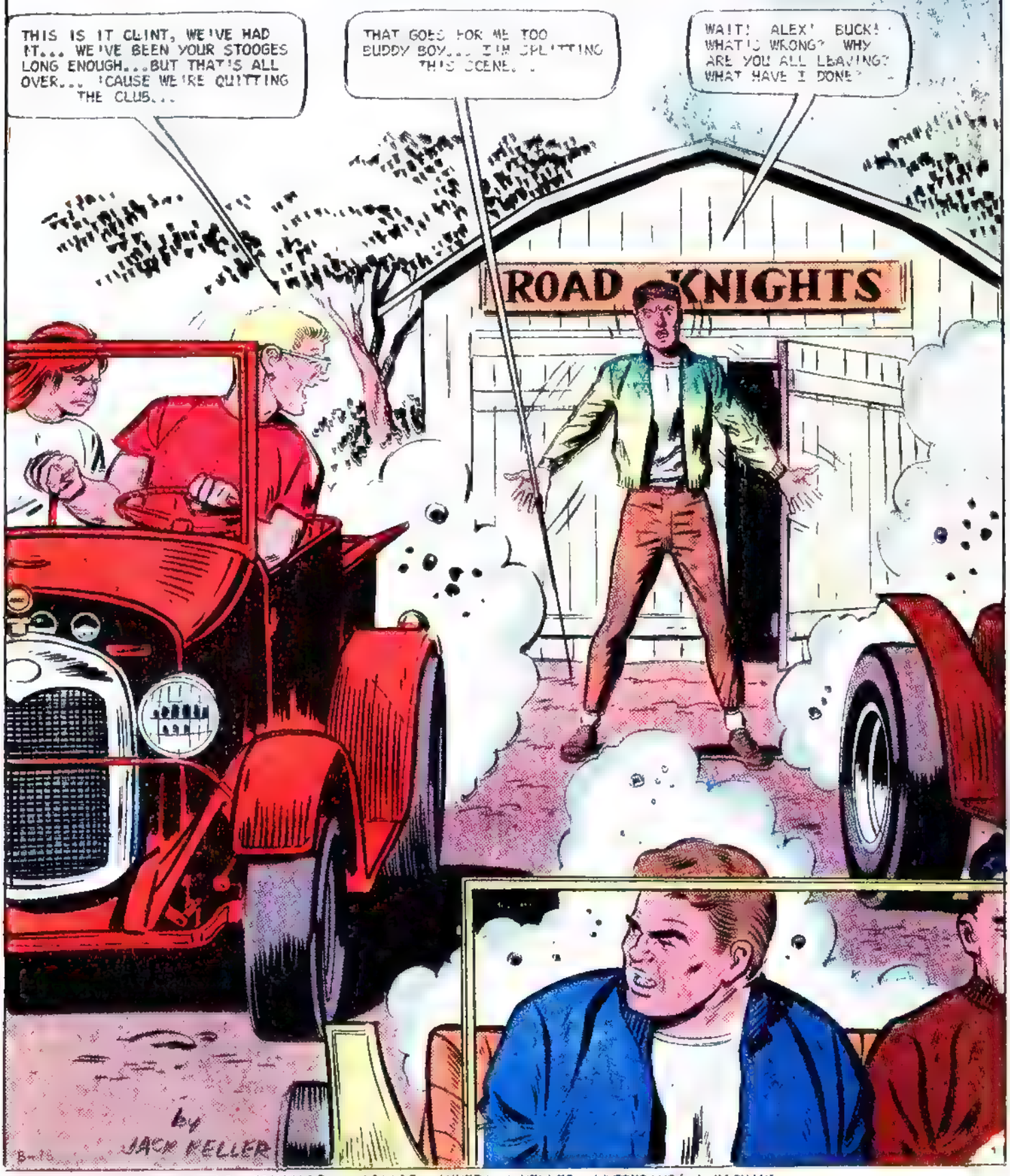
SEE? THIS IS LOTS BETTER THAN FROGS AND SNAKES ... CASSIE NEVER ACTED LIKE THIS JUST BECAUSE I CAUGHT A CUTE LIZARD!

END

CLINT CURTIS IN THE LAST ROAD KNIGHT

PART I

THE ROAD KNIGHTS HAD ALWAYS BEEN A CLOSELY KNIT ORGANIZATION... IT WAS ONE FOR ALL, AND ALL FOR ONE, JUST LIKE THE FAMOUS MUSKETEERS... JEALOUSY OR ENVY WAS A LITTLE KNOWN FACTOR AMONG THIS CONTENTED GROUP OF HOT RODDERS... BUT EVEN THE BEST OF THINGS SOMETIMES COME TO A DISASTROUS END... AS IT DID TO THE ONCE HAPPY CLUB, AND CLINT SUDDENLY FOUND HIMSELF — THE LAST ROAD KNIGHT!!


THIS IS IT CLINT, WE'VE HAD IT... WE'VE BEEN YOUR STOOGES LONG ENOUGH...BUT THAT'S ALL OVER... 'CAUSE WE'RE QUITTING THE CLUB...
THAT GOES FOR ME TOO BUDDY BOY... I'M SPLITTING THIS SCENE...
WAIT! ALEX! BUCK! WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU ALL LEAVING? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
ROAD KNIGHTS
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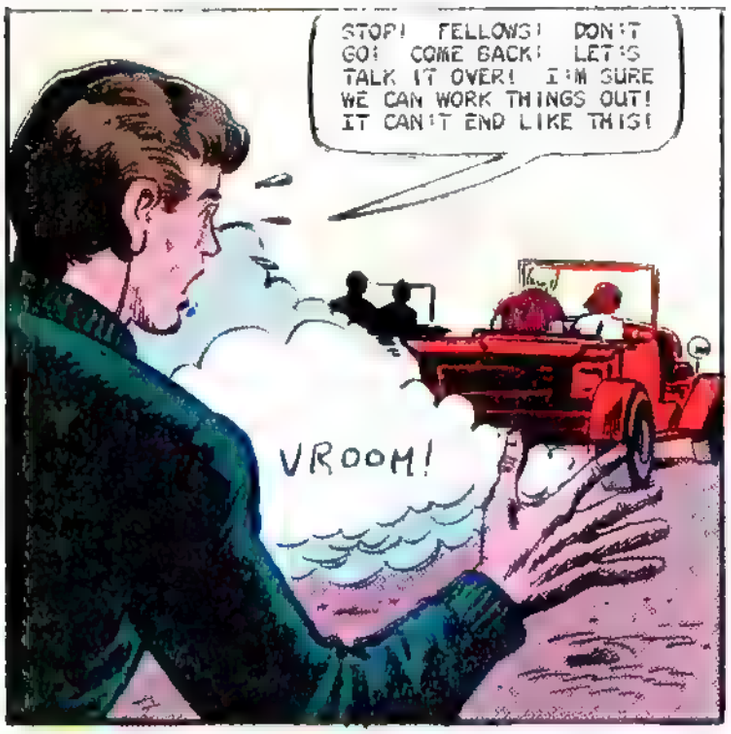
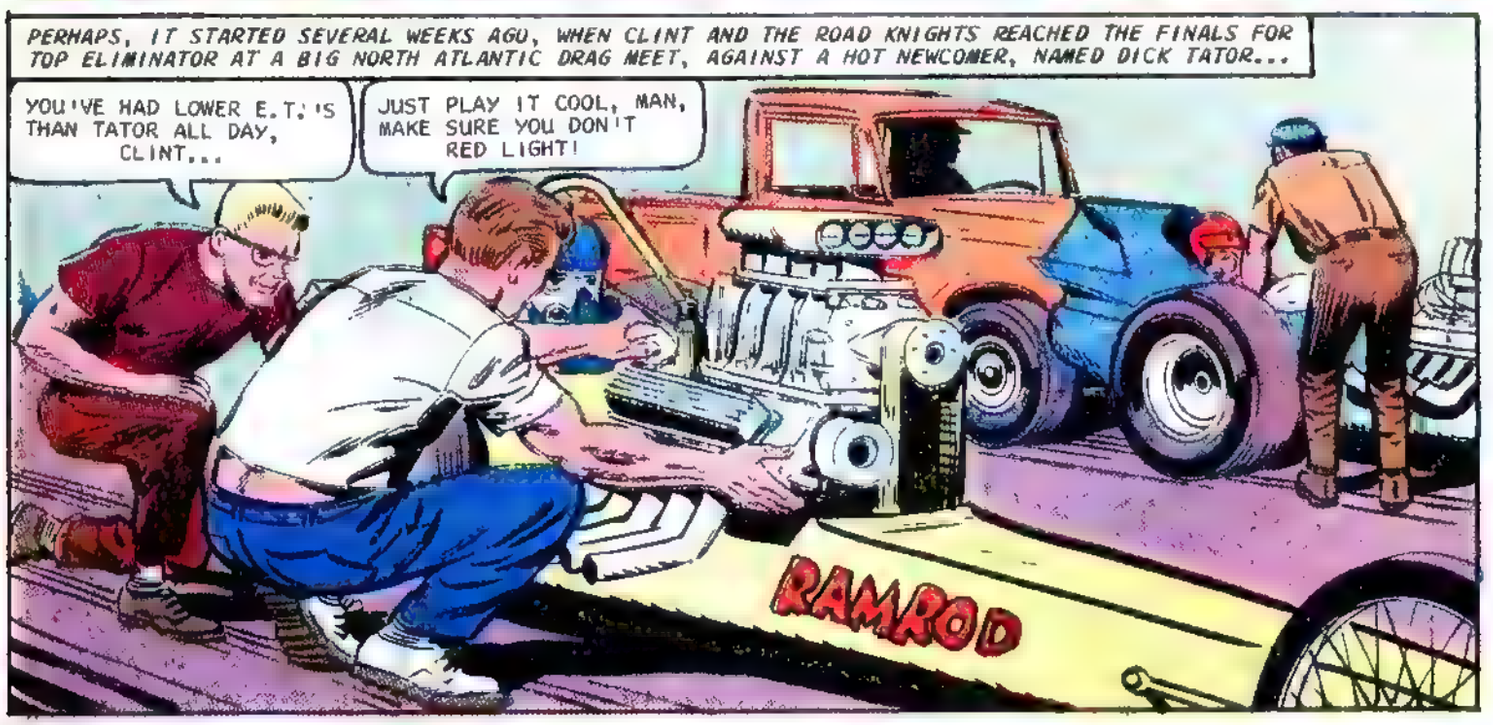
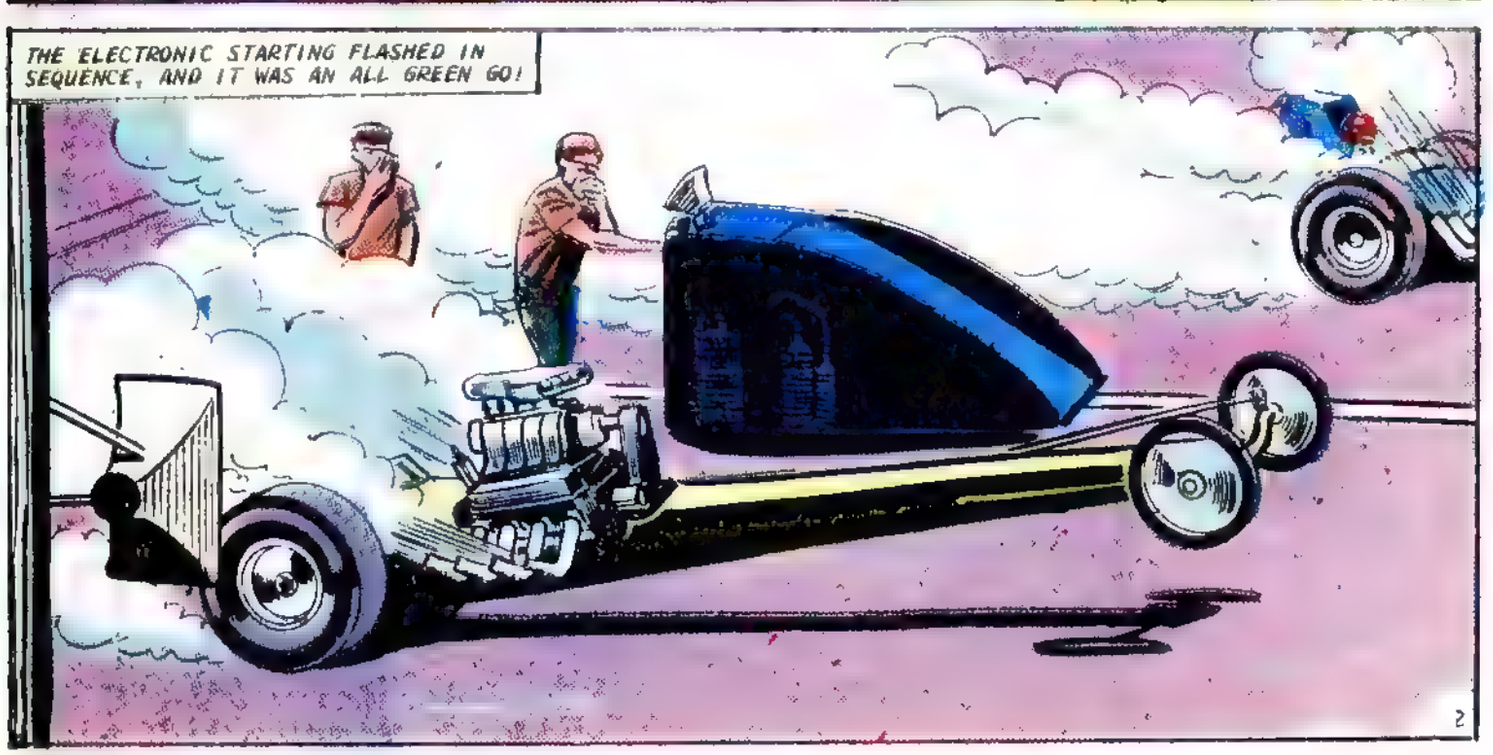

STOP! FELLOWS! DON'T GO! COME BACK! LET'S TALK IT OVER! I'M SURE WE CAN WORK THINGS OUT! IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS!
VROOM!

BUT IT HAS...ALL OUR YEARS TOGETHER, SMASHED ...THE CLUB IS NO MORE ...IT SEEMS TO BE ALL MY FAULT...I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO CAUSE THE BREAKUP...
BUT I JUST DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO REMEMBER WHAT... I'VE GOT TO THINK BACK, TO WHEN ALL THE TROUBLE BEGAN...


PERHAPS, IT STARTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHEN CLINT AND THE ROAD KNIGHTS REACHED THE FINALS FOR TOP ELIMINATOR AT A BIG NORTH ATLANTIC DRAG MEET, AGAINST A HOT NEWCOMER, NAMED DICK TATOR...
YOU'VE HAD LOWER E.T.'S THAN TATOR ALL DAY, CLINT...
JUST PLAY IT COOL, MAN, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T RED LIGHT!
RAMROD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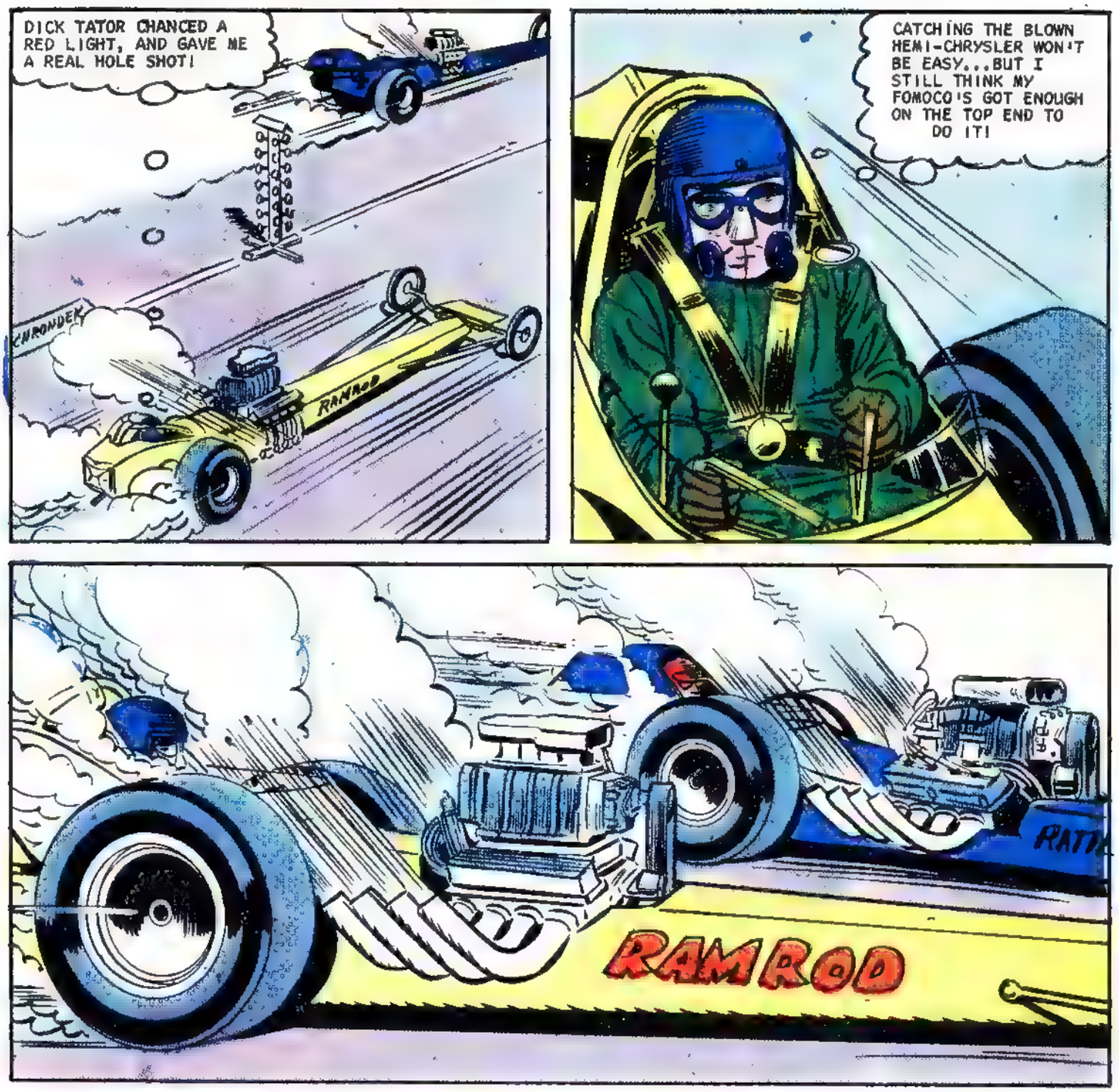
DICK TATOR CHANCED A RED LIGHT, AND GAVE ME A REAL HOLE SHOT!
CHRONDEK
RAMROD
CATCHING THE BLOWN HEMI-CHRYSLER WON'T BE EASY...BUT I STILL THINK MY FOMOCO'S GOT ENOUGH ON THE TOP END TO DO IT!
RAMROD
HIS HEMI WAS GOOD, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH, AND CLINT CHARGED BY HIM A FEW YARDS BEFORE THE FINISH LINE!
DARN, I THOUGHT I HAD HIM BEAT...
4
AA/FD
ONCE THROUGH THE TRAPS CLINT BACKED OFF THE THROTTLE AND POPPED THE CROSS-FORM CHUTE!
MAN, THIS RIG WAS REALLY CHURNING!

AFTER THE RACE, CLINT MET DICK TATOR FOR THE FIRST TIME...AND HIS FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT DICK WAS AN ALL RIGHT GUY...
NICE GOING, CLINT, I TRIED HARD TO BEAT YOU, BUT YOU WERE JUST TOO MUCH...
THANKS DICK, YOU GAVE ME A FEW ANXIOUS MOMENTS AFTER THAT HOLE SHOOT...
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I'D NEVER HAVE BEATEN YOU IF I HADN'T HAD THE BETTER RAIL...I OWE IT ALL TO ALEX AND BUCK, THEY DID MOST OF THE MOTOR AND CHASIS WORK, AND REALLY DESERVE THE CREDIT FOR MY WINNING!
AW IT WAS NOTHIN' CLINT...
HMMM, YOU'RE SO RIGHT CURTIS... IT WASN'T YOUR ABILITY, WAS IT... I HAD YOU BEATEN, BUT IT WAS THE SUPERIOR WORKMANSHIP OF YOUR CREW THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE... NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, I'VE GOT TO GET BUCK AND ALEX OVER TO MY SIDE...
LATER...
HA, CURTIS ISN'T AROUND NOW...THIS IS THE TIME TO MOVE IN AND TALK TO ALEX AND BUCK...
HI, MEN! I SEE YOU GOT 'ER ALL LOADED UP AND READY TO GO HOME... MAN, YOU CATS REALLY WORK HARD...
WHILE CURTIS IS OVER COLLECTING THE CHECK, TROPHY, AND GLORY, YOU TWO STAY BEHIND AND DO ALL THE WORK...
AW, IT'S NOT SO BAD, WE LIKE IT THAT WAY...BESIDES, CLINT DOES HIS SHARE OF WORK, TOO...
YEAH, WE GOT NO BEEF...
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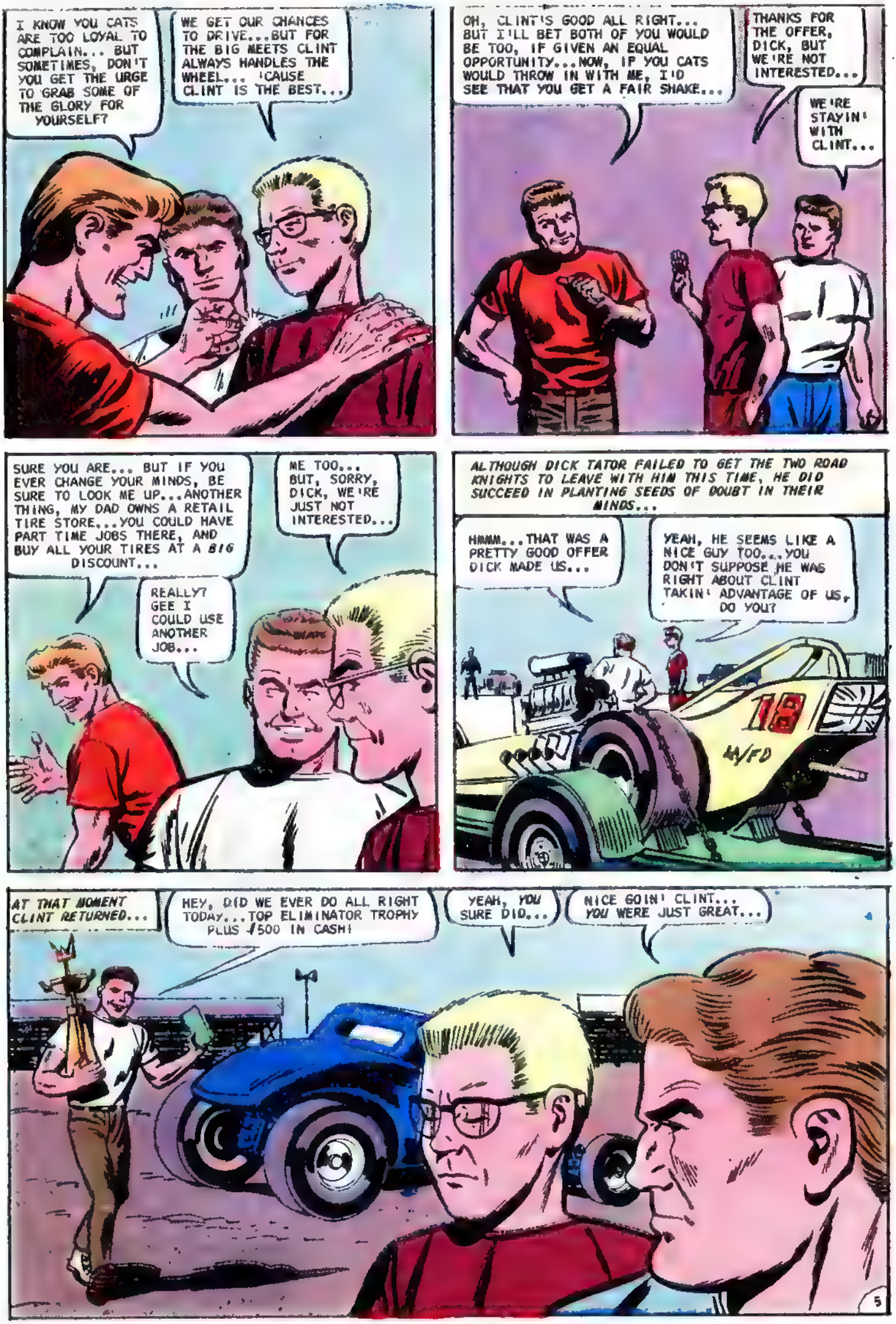
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WE GET OUR CHANCES TO DRIVE...BUT FOR THE BIG MEETS CLINT ALWAYS HANDLES THE WHEEL... 'CAUSE CLINT IS THE BEST...
OH, CLINT'S GOOD ALL RIGHT... BUT I'LL BET BOTH OF YOU WOULD BE TOO, IF GIVEN AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY...NOW, IF YOU CATS WOULD THROW IN WITH ME, I'D SEE THAT YOU GET A FAIR SHAKE...
THANKS FOR THE OFFER, DICK, BUT WE'RE NOT INTERESTED...
WE'RE STAYIN' WITH CLINT...
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HMMM...THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD OFFER DICK MADE US...
YEAH, HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE GUY TOO...YOU DON'T SUPPOSE HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT CLINT TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF US, DO YOU?
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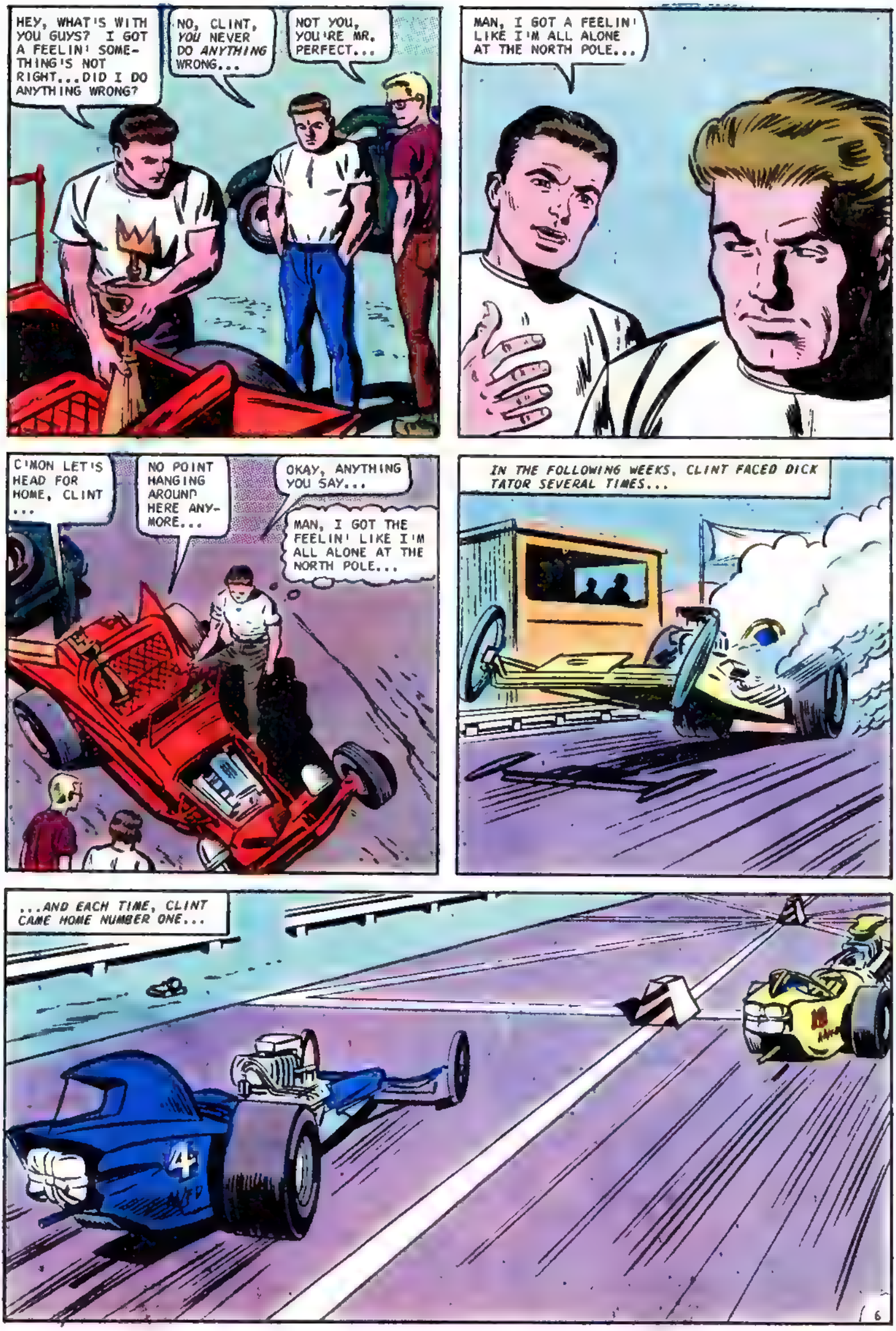
HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS? I GOT A FEELIN' SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...DID I DO ANYTHING WRONG?
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NOT YOU, YOU'RE MR. PERFECT...
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C'MON LET'S HEAD FOR HOME, CLINT ...
NO POINT HANGING AROUND HERE ANYMORE...
OKAY, ANYTHING YOU SAY...
MAN, I GOT THE FEELIN' LIKE I'M ALL ALONE AT THE NORTH POLE...
IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, CLINT FACED DICKTATOR SEVERAL TIMES...
...AND EACH TIME, CLINT CAME HOME NUMBER ONE...
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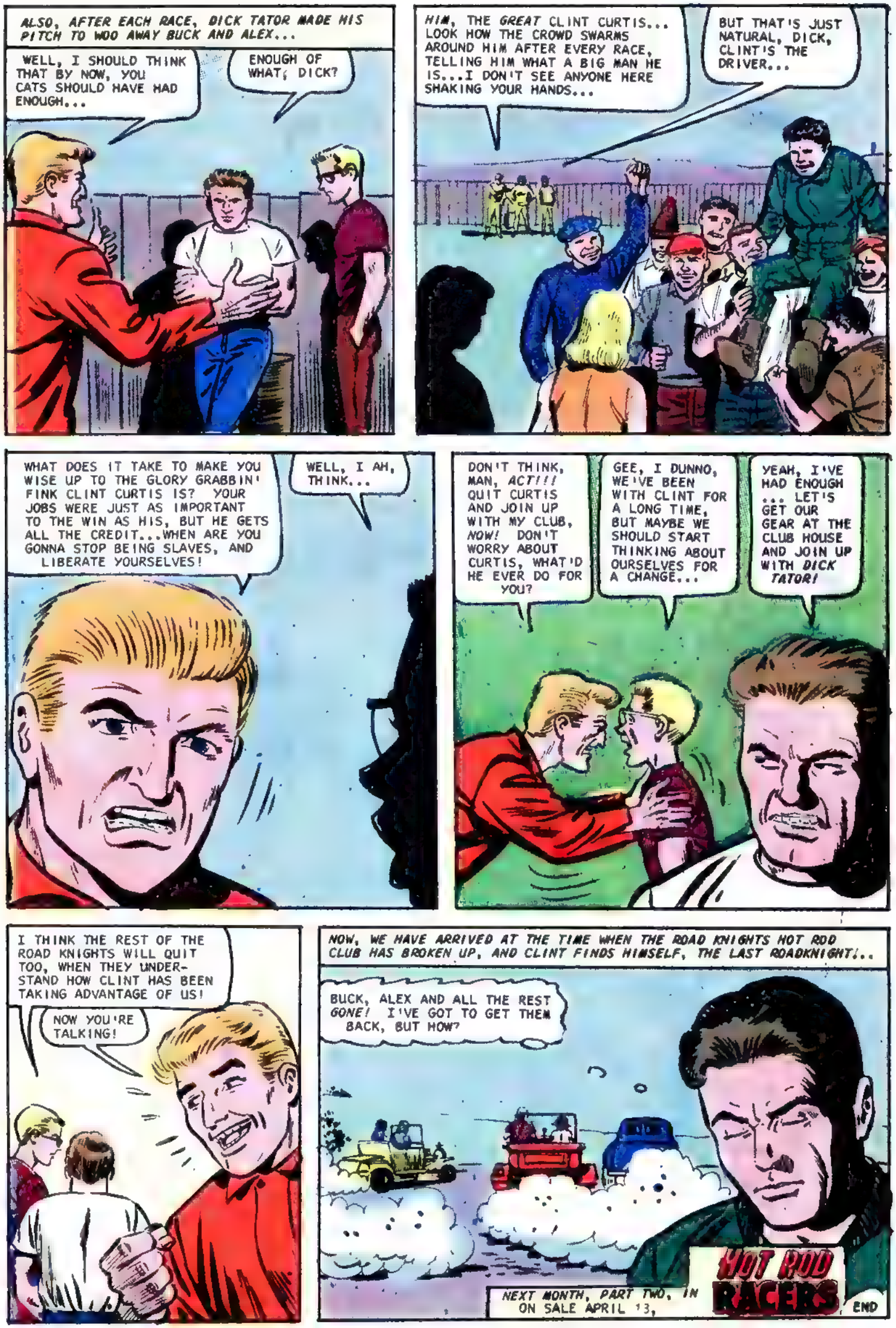
ALSO, AFTER EACH RACE, DICK TATOR MADE HIS PITCH TO WOO AWAY BUCK AND ALEX...
WELL, I SHOULD THINK THAT BY NOW, YOU CATS SHOULD HAVE HAD ENOUGH...
ENOUGH OF WHAT, DICK?
HIM, THE GREAT CLINT CURTIS... LOOK HOW THE CROWD SWARMS AROUND HIM AFTER EVERY RACE, TELLING HIM WHAT A BIG MAN HE IS...I DON'T SEE ANYONE HERE SHAKING YOUR HANDS...
BUT THAT'S JUST NATURAL, DICK, CLINT'S THE DRIVER...
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE YOU WISE UP TO THE GLORY GRABBIN' FINK CLINT CURTIS IS? YOUR JOBS WERE JUST AS IMPORTANT TO THE WIN AS HIS, BUT HE GETS ALL THE CREDIT...WHEN ARE YOU GONNA STOP BEING SLAVES, AND LIBERATE YOURSELVES!
WELL, I AH, THINK...
DON'T THINK, MAN, ACT!!! QUIT CURTIS AND JOIN UP WITH MY CLUB, NOW! DON'T WORRY ABOUT CURTIS, WHAT'D HE EVER DO FOR YOU?
GEE, I DUNNO, WE'VE BEEN WITH CLINT FOR A LONG TIME, BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT OURSELVES FOR A CHANGE...
YEAH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH ... LET'S GET OUR GEAR AT THE CLUB HOUSE AND JOIN UP WITH DICK TATOR!
I THINK THE REST OF THE ROAD KNIGHTS WILL QUIT TOO, WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND HOW CLINT HAS BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!
NOW, WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THE TIME WHEN THE ROAD KNIGHTS HOT ROD CLUB HAS BROKEN UP, AND CLINT FINDS HIMSELF, THE LAST ROADKNIGHT!..
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DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

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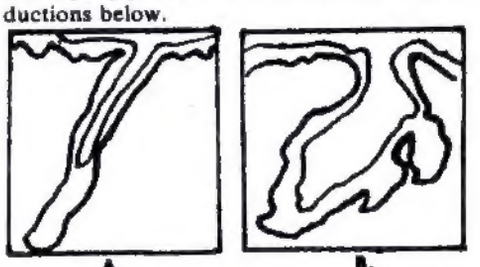
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragment of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin **B. Sick, pimply skin**

Diagram A shows a normal-size smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

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